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Ms. Cheryl Clark  
Acting Chief Information Officer  
411 East Franklin Street  
Suite 500  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Ms. Clark:


I write to endorse enthusiastically the PPEA proposal submitted by Koll Development Company and its partner, EDS. This proposal includes the location of the data center for the Commonwealth of Virginia in Wise County.

I believe that Wise County offers the Commonwealth a safe and secure site for the data center. Our area of the Commonwealth, as you know, very much needs well paying jobs such as this project would offer. This is a great opportunity for our part of the Commonwealth and I know that one of Governor Warner's key goals is to promote economic development in Southwest Virginia. Locating a data center in Southwest Virginia would be very much in line with this objective.

Members of the Koll Development Company and EDS teams have visited Wise County and entered into an option agreement with the Wise County Industrial Development Authority to purchase several acres of land in the Lonesome Pine Regional Business and Technology Park. This is a state-of-the-art business and technology facility designed for a project of this type. Mountain Empire Community College and the University of Virginia's College at Wise can significantly assist in training, retraining and other key components to provide a qualified workforce for this important project for the Commonwealth.

In closing, I strongly endorse the PPEA proposal submitted by Koll Development Company and EDS for the data center project.

Sincerely,

  
Clarence E. "Bud" Phillips

cc: The Honorable Mark R. Warner, Governor